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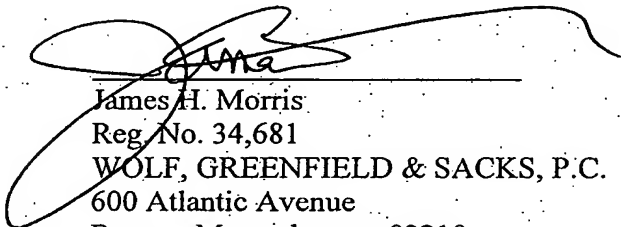
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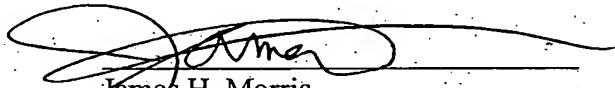
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at line 4 after "300" add --, 336--;

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Embodiments of the invention relate to electrophysiology catheters and methods of using the same. According to one embodiment, the catheter (300, 336) includes a
5 braided conductive member (28) at its distal end that can be radially expanded, for example using a mandrel (306) slidably disposed within a shaft (304) of the catheter. According to another embodiment, the catheter comprises a tip portion (338) at least partially constructed of an elastomeric material. According to a further embodiment, the catheter includes a braided conductive member wherein a thermocouple is formed
10 using one filament of the braided conductive member and one thermocouple wire. Other embodiments of the invention relate to a handle for use with a catheter and methods of using the same.



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